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## Power outage averted — for now at least

Heavy demand, loss of plant in Ohio combine to put utilities under the gun

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

Huge public demands on power nearly caused Illinois Power to issue a mandatory outage Thursday, but officials were able to secure enough energy from the east to avoid a loss of power.

Also, Illinois Power called for a "Conservation Day" between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. Thursday, which helped avert an outage, said Jim DeVore, public relations manager for IP in Granite City.

"It's not just Illinois Power, (but) all of the us in the Midwest just get hammered this time of year," he said, as customers crank up their air conditioners and use other appliances.

With the conservation day — and all days this summer with temperatures well above 90 degrees — IP has asked customers to voluntarily conserve power until the heat wave has passed. The heat is expected to last throughout the weekend.

"As the day wore on, it didn't seem like it was having any affect," DeVore said. "But by 1 p.m., we got extra power." Customers had gotten the word to conserve, so demands on power leveled off in the afternoon.

IP is also running notices on cable Channel 6 to remind people to conserve.

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"On of the problems is a power plant in Ohio was knocked out of service due to a tornado. There are also problems in the West. (Midwest utilities) are basically juggling power from one place to another."

Jim DeVore  
IP spokesman

Customers can help conserve energy by following these suggestions:

- Raise air conditioning thermostats to 78 degrees or higher.
- Unless absolutely necessary, such as for health reasons, turn off air conditioners and use fans instead. Good air circulation helps keep people comfortable even on hot days, and fans use far less electricity than air conditioners.
- Use electric ovens, washers and dryers, dishwashers, large motors and other big energy users after 9 p.m.
- Do a walk through of your home or office and turn off or unplug any electrical equipment that is not essential. At home, turn off televisions, lights and kitchen appliances.

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Ollie Sommer, center, pictured with members of his cooking class, will inducted into the 1998 American Academy of Chefs Hall of Fame. John Frese photo

## Teacher is piling up awards

Cooking instructor to be inducted into Hall of Fame

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Chef Ollie Sommer has been cooking for more than 50 years, and teaching at Belleville Area College for about six.

In July he will be honored for both. On July 23, Sommer — chef-instructor in BAC's hospitality/food service management program — will be inducted into the 1998 American Academy of Chefs Hall of Fame during the six-day, annual American Culinary Federation convention in Anaheim, Calif.

Then he will go to Miami for the Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education Convention, where he will receive the Chef Brethaupt Award for his commitment to food service education.

"He was a very accomplished chef, very very good, who devoted his life to simplifying the profession," Sommer said. "This award is a very special one for me because I knew Chef Herman Brethaupt personally."

"For me to get this — I haven't been

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## Haine planning effort to remove illegal weapons

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Saying that something must be done to combat illegal weapons, Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine is planning to meet with police officials sometime next week to go over a new program.

The program will be designed to encourage people — especially juveniles and those on probation — to turn in illegal weapons.

It is modeled after a similar program in Boston and would include some kind of amnesty for those turning

in guns.

"That amnesty would require an 'affirmative effort' on the part of the gun's owner to turn it in. 'If they get caught with them, it's a whole different story,'" Haine said Wednesday that his office was still in the early stages of working on the program with the Madison County Probation Services, local and state police.

"We have a meeting set up for next week to go over it," he said. "It will be the subject of some public

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Christopher Pook, president and CEO of Grand Prix Association of Long Beach, left, accepts his award from SWIDA Board Chairman Terry Shafer.

## Raceway cited as catalyst for region

Gateway wins SWIDA award

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Described as a "catalyst for a new vision to the entire region," Gateway International Raceway in Madison was named the Outstanding Development of 1997 by the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority.

The announcement was made at a luncheon celebrating SWIDA's 10-year anniversary.

Two other finalists for the award were Community Development Consultants Inc. of East St. Louis and the Alton Square expansion.

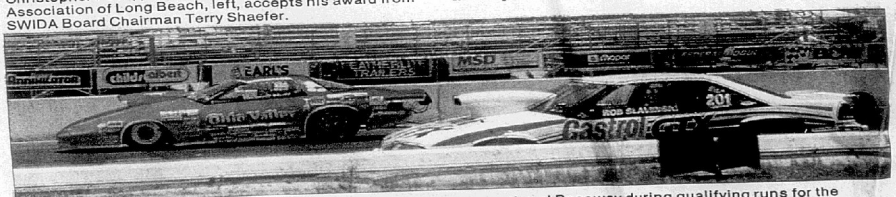
Gateway International, a \$25 million initial investment, "transformed a blighted landscape and has become a

catalyst for a new vision to the entire region," said SWIDA Board Chairman Terry Shafer.

Accepting the award was Christopher Pook, president and CEO of Grand Prix Association of Long Beach, the parent company of GIR. Pook said the award was a "tremendous honor" for the company.

"The fact that we're a company that has come from outside the region and have been fortunate enough to be allowed to make the investment and have a relationship with SWIDA and develop this facility, we're obviously very proud of it indeed," he said. "I think it

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Pro-stock racing cars speed down the drag strip at Gateway International Raceway during qualifying runs for the competition heats that were to be run Saturday and Sunday. The Craftsman Nationals continues through Sunday. The race is one of four major events at the raceway this year. NASCAR events are planned for September and October. More photos on Page 1B.

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## Maybe Gates needs money to help us

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

So Bill Gates is still the richest guy in the world. At \$51 billion, he has parlayed Microsoft into a behemoth that brings in more ready cash than most emerging nations.

Just for fun, I figured that he makes about \$3,850 per minute. This is based on a minimum 4 percent — not compounded — return on that \$51 billion. Of course, if Gates became bored with making money and just stuffed it in a bank, I'm sure he would find one that would compound the interest.

That means in the time it has taken to write the last paragraph, he would have earned more than my annual salary, just for breathing.

It's hard to imagine a sum like that — \$1 followed by nine zeros. I can easily imagine the 51, strain a little and put a zero behind it, and risk an aneurism putting another behind it, but beyond that my head starts to hurt.

But how do we respond to that? Many will be resentful. After all, what makes him so special?

Don't I deserve that much (or at least half that much)? Why doesn't he give it to me?

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Scott Cousins

After all, if he can do it, why can't I?

Of course, not everybody can be a gazillionaire. If we all were, who would do our laundry?

HOLD THE PRESSES! Microsoft stock went up, and Bill Gates is now the richest guy in the world with almost \$54 billion.

Sorry, got excited there. When considering all this, I can't help but think about the parable of the talents.

You know, Jesus' story about a rich guy gave his servants money and took a trip, then came back and demanded to know what they had done with the cash.

One guy — probably Gates' great-great-great-grandpappy — had doubled it, so he was rewarded.

So did another guy. But the last poor slob was so afraid of losing his coin that he buried it in the ground. He got nothing but the axe, and the first guy got his coin.

Some people are going to be successful, some are not. People who are risk-takers or visionaries either make a

bundle or lose everything, but those who do nothing neither gain nor lose.

Eventually, like us all, Gates is going to have to answer to God, and he is going to have to answer for quite a lot, because with money comes power, and the opportunity and responsibility to use it wisely.

Better him than me. After all, to whom much is given, much is required.

Who knows? Maybe Gates is a good guy, and has a great master plan that will benefit all humankind, but he needs a hundred billion or so to pull it off.

After all, changing the course of destiny can be expensive.

But then again — especially with the release of the "X-Files" movie and all the conspiracy theories floating around — maybe in the dead of night he sits alone in his master control room, rubbing his hands in glee as he prepares to enslave the world.

Who knows? But knowing human nature, most people would probably believe the latter.

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## Letters to the editor

## Variance law could be changed

To the Editor:  
Citizens of Pontoon Beach: Are you aware that the variance law could be changed?

Currently the variance laws allow for 12 feet between neighboring property lines, meaning there is 12 feet allowed between your property line and your neighbor's property line.

However, if my neighbor has his way, that law would be changed (for him) to only three feet between property lines and if this change is allowed here, it could be would be changed for all of the village of Pontoon Beach.

In this case, my neighbor wants to build a structure that would extend out nine feet into the 12-foot allowance, leaving only a precious three feet between the property lines.

We need to protect our right or one day you may have space a little wider than a lawn mower between you and your neighbor, and your neighbor may be a grocery store, a tavern or someone you just plain don't like very well and if this variance change is allowed now, it could be changed forever.

Just think what that would mean. Your presence and voices need to be heard. The zoning committee is meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 30 at 3805 Pontoon Road regarding this change. Please be there and let them know this is not what you want for your village.

SUSIE YOKLEY  
Pontoon Beach

## Bird project continuing

TO THE EDITOR:  
Two summers ago I was one of the lucky ones and was given 200 bluebird nesting boxes by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The boxes were made in a prison in Illinois and those who were in the know let me know, and they delivered 200 to my back yard. In turn, since I received them gratis, I gave them away.

One of the recipients was Art Sehrage, who lives in Hecker. He picked up 35 and gave them to his neighbors. I talked with Art last week and he tells me that all seven producing babies, they will be responsible for over 100, the figure which I have been taking credit for in my 200-plus boxes on golf courses and along country roads.

Because I started checking my boxes on March 15 and keeping some records, as of June 1, I have registered seeing 200 eggs, 93 babies and five females sitting on eggs (or babies), adding another minimum of 45 youngsters.

We currently have more than two-thirds of the boxes we will be needing for the MetroLink Bluebird Trail and still need another 50 or so, plus the PVC pipe and hardware for mounting. Then we want to keep adequate amounts of WD-40 on hand to keep the posts slick for the predators.

The coon guard we mentioned in an earlier letter is being mounted on boxes in a dozen or so golf courses.

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# Poshard tours area, focuses on economic development

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Economic development — either through better transportation, job training or environmental cleanup — was the focus of an aerial tour Friday of the area by Democratic gubernatorial candidate Rep. Glenn Poshard. The helicopter tour included both Madison and St. Clair counties and was offered by the Leadership Council.

Southwestern Illinois Republican candidate Secretary of State George Ryan will take a similar trip in early July.

"About a month ago we invited Congressman Poshard to meet with the Leadership Council to address concerns of its members and residents of Southwestern Illinois," said Jim Pennick, executive director of the Council. "Major issues of Leadership Council include the new Mississippi

River bridge, the retention of our military installations and a discussion of appropriate state incentives for business." Poshard said the tour — which ranged from Alton to East St. Louis — "I saw a lot of things," he said.

"I'm pretty familiar with the area, but the progress that has been made over the past several years..." he said. "I saw factories from the air that went up in the last few years that are employing hundreds and thousands of people that spoke well of the leadership in this area."

He said that near the interstates, there are "huge" areas of land being developed or have the potential for development.

"What I saw this morning was a bird's-eye view of an area that is in the middle of a lot of progress, and has the potential for a great deal more," he said. "Every study I've seen shows that Southwestern Illinois is one of the major growth potential areas in the Midwest."

One of the things Poshard emphasized was his commitment to cleaning up brownfields — lightly

contaminated or blighted industrial areas.

"We want to expedite the cleanup of brownfield areas," Poshard said. "We have hundreds of these sites all over the state, thousands of acres — abandoned plants, old factories — that need to be cleaned up."

He said there must be additional tax incentives for businesses and industries to locate in those areas.

"Those brownfields are primarily attached to hard-core high unemployment areas in the state, and for any business and industry that would move into those areas will need more than the usual tax increment financing districts," he said.

He proposed abatements of 5-7 years on capital gains taxes as an additional incentive for locating in such area and hiring locally.

Poshard also said the brownfield problem should be addressed because without creating jobs in these areas, welfare-to-work programs will fail.

"We need to create jobs in the communities," he said. "If they can't do that, a large part of the welfare system will

fail." He also said education and job training will be very important.

Moving education funding away from property taxes will also be a priority.

"We're facing a situation in this state where two-thirds of our kids get an average of \$4,000 a year (spent) on their education, and one-third get \$12,000-\$15,000 per year," he said. "That gap has to be closed and closed considerably if we're going to have the kind of educated and trained job force that business and industry look for as their first priority when they seek to move somewhere."

Poshard also pledged support for maintaining the area's military facilities, especially Scott Air Force Base.

"There's an absolute commitment on my part... to do everything the state of Illinois can do to work with the Leadership Council... to keep Scott Air Force Base open," he said.

He added that the opening of MidAmerica Airport was very important for the base.

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When you mow, try to alternate your path every week. For example, one week take your usual route, cut diagonally the next, and the third week go from side to side. Repeated mowing in the same path week after week tends to wear the lawn down in the areas where the mower's wheels constantly pass.

Keep your mower's blade sharp. A sharp blade slices the grass clean; a dull blade rips it. Sometimes it may be necessary to sharpen the blade two or three times a season. Sharpening a blade isn't too difficult, but if you'd rather not, take it to a lawn mower shop. It's well worth it. Proper sharpening also includes balancing; an out-of-balance mower blade can cause excessive mower vibration.

On the subject of mowing, should you use a bagger or a mulcher? There are advantages of both. Many bagger users don't like the grass clippings left all over the lawn. A mulcher in good condition shouldn't leave large clippings, provided you don't wait too long between mowings and the grass is fairly dry, so you may have to cut the lawn a little more often. But those who use baggers spend more time in the long run, due to emptying the bag every few mower passes.

### Vacations

There's nothing quite like hitting the open road, or

being aboard a jet soaring into the sky, taking you on a well-deserved vacation getaway. We've all earned these moments. But the home front still needs care.

If you're only going for a week or so, you probably won't need to worry about cutting the lawn, unless it grows very rapidly. Give it a mowing just before you leave and you'll be welcomed back home with a lawn that's just ready for it again.

If you're planning a longer trip, by all means make arrangements to have the lawn cut while you're gone. An uncut, neglected lawn is like hanging a neon sign out front proclaiming an empty house. You want your home to look lived in while you're away, and a well-manicured lawn is one way of doing it.

If you have an in-ground sprinkling system, make sure it's set to water every day at the proper time. Good for the lawn, and it looks like someone's home. No timer? If you'll be gone more than a week, make arrangements to have the lawn watered. A week without water will definitely turn things yellow, but it should be okay provided you give it a good, thorough soaking when you return home.

Your flowers, both inside and out, will need regular watering during your absence. The best way is to have a relative or friend take them in and "plant sit." Otherwise, try to find a relative or trusted friend to stop by and give the plants a drink.

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John Freese photo  
Madison Alderwomen Alexis Lux and Eleanor Armour join Mayor John Hamm and Burger King owner Warren Wagner along with Construction Concepts Corporation Vice President Jack Foehrkoeb in breaking ground for the new fast-food franchise which will open across from Gateway International Raceway this summer.

## Restaurant to open in August

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

An O'Fallon developer is anticipating whooper crowds from Gateway International Raceway.

On Friday, a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the new Burger King, now under construction at the intersection of Illinois 203 and Ohio Street.

While early crowds for the NHRA Sears Craftsman Nationals drag races walked by on their way to the strip, franchise owner Warren Wagner said he was anticipating a booming business once the restaurant opens — probably in about a month.

"We're anticipating a July 30 end of construction, probably physically opening the first week of August."

The restaurant will employ 45-55 people. "I've been residing in this area for more than two years," he said. "We had looked around this area; we wanted to build a facility that we felt could work with the local community in Madison."

The location was very important in the final decision to build.

"The race track being across the street was a big motivator," Wagner said. "We felt we could build here and serve Madison as well as St. Clair county."

With a combination of customers from the raceway, Interstate 55/70 and Illinois 203,

Wagner said he was anticipating a "booming" business.

"We're very excited to be part of the business community in the Madison area," he added.

Madison Mayor John Hamm was also very pleased by the development.

"I think it's going to be a great addition to the city," he said. "Not only from a revenue standpoint but helping ground around the track area."

In addition to Gateway International's initial \$25 million investment, recent developments in the area include the \$8 million Gateway National Golf Links, and a million-dollar renovation of Gateway Midstate Truck Plaza.

Hamm said he hopes to see more development in the area soon.

"We're still negotiating with the motel people," he said. "They're back to talking at the table, next week I think."

He was referring to a proposed motel/restaurant complex between the golf course and raceway.

"They say that once fast food comes the motels come," Hamm added. "This is a big start with the fast foods."

"It looks like they're going to have a big crowd at the races, and they all have to walk past Burger King," Hamm said. "I think they're going to do well."

## Madison objects to annexation

By Scott Cousins  
and Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writers

The city of Madison and several landowners in the former village of National City have filed objections to Fairmont City's plans to expand westward.

Fairmont City is seeking court approval for a supervised annexation of approximately 700 acres stretching from the existing village limits to the Mississippi River. A hearing is set for 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Most of the property, south and west of Madison, is part of the recently discontinued village of National City.

The objections — from the city and property owners Michael Sabados and the Lanter Co. — were filed late Thursday and claim that several properties included in the proposed annexation have already been annexed by Madison.

The objections also cite technical problems with Fairmont City's filings.

In Madison's objections, City Attorney Casper Nighossian said that at least five separate properties included in Fairmont City's proposal have already been annexed.

Those include the Lanter property, annexed April 21, 1998; the Sabados property, annexed April 21, 1998; property owned by La Roche Industries, annexed May 19, 1998; the Metro East Sanitary District, annexed June 2, 1998; and other property owned by the Metro East Sanitary District and the Illinois Terminal Railroad Association, annexed April 23, 1996.

The MESSO and TERRA properties annexed in 1996 are part of what Madison officials say are overlapping annexations between the two municipalities.

In 1996, both municipalities had approached the St. Louis National Stockyards about annexation after National City was officially dissolved, in jockeying for position, both municipalities approved annexation ordinances for the

properties.

Madison and Fairmont City have continued the fight for position for the past several years.

One result of any legal challenge over those overlapping annexations could be that one of the municipalities would be cut off from further annexations to the west.

A drawn-out court fight over Madison's annexation of Gateway International Raceway and nearby properties in the mid-1980s was settled several years ago.

Without the additional property, Fairmont City Mayor Alex Bregen said his community is "very much landlocked."

Bregen said last week that he anticipates strong opposition to the village's expansion efforts.

"There's a lot at stake for everybody," Bregen said.

The city also needs the "tremendous potential" of the area around Gateway International Raceway and its tax base, which is taking a major hit with the closing of the Venture store. At least \$100,000 in annual revenue will be lost.

To offset the loss, the city eliminated five dispatcher positions in its police department, three full-time and two part-time. Those duties will be transferred to the St. Clair County CENCOM starting July 6, Bregen said.

The measure is expected to save the village \$60,000 to \$70,000 annually. "It's unfortunate (Venture closing) but as one door closes another door opens," Bregen said. "If you don't plan for the future, you don't have one."

Part of planning for that future is to find other industry that will eventually replace the Milam Landfill, which provides about 50 to 60 percent of the

village's revenue. It is estimated that it will be filled and closed within the next eight to 12 years.

"Without appropriate action, it would be a great blow to us," Bregen said.

In its objection, the city of Madison also stated that there were several procedural problems with Fairmont City's plans. It said that the village's petition was filed on behalf of six landowners, but was signed by Fairmont City Police Chief Scott Penny, "who is not one of the Petitioners, or a licensed attorney authorized to practice law," or "otherwise authorized or entitled to act on behalf of one or more of the alleged owners."

It also said that other property owners were given no notice as required by state law.

The objection also said that while the six property owners "who allege they are the majority of the owners of record" there are more than 25 individual owners in the proposed annexation.

## Obituaries

**Betty Bucatch**  
BETTY J. BUCATCH, of Granite City, died Tuesday, June 23, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Bucatch was born in Granite City, Mo. She was a 5 employee of Mercantile Bank as a part administrative assistant and had worked for Granite City Steel for 28 years. She was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City Steel Women's Club, Holy Family Ladies Club, The Old Times and Missouri Songwriters of America.

Survivors include her brother, James Bucatch; sister-in-law, Judy Bucatch; a niece, Jamie Kindie; and a nephew, Jason Bucatch.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Anna (Urban) Bucatch.

Services were Friday, June 26, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Imogene Graham**  
IMOGENE L. (WEHRLI) GRAHAM, 65, of Glen Carbon died Sunday,

June 21, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Mrs. Graham was born May 12, 1933, in Mulberry Grove. She was retired from National Food Store as head checker and was a member of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Graham; one son, Aaron Graham of Glen Carbon; two daughters, Karen Novosel of Hardin, Mo., and Sandra Clark of Pochontas; one brother, Max Wehrle of Mulberry Grove; one sister, Mary Harris of Mulberry Grove; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Louise (Miller) Wehrle.

Services were Wednesday, June 24, at Irwin-Scott Chapel in Glen Carbon, with the Rev. Ross Harmon officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ.

**Ada Morgan**  
ADA R. (REEVES) MORGAN, 92, of Granite City died Wednesday, June 24, 1998, at her residence. She was born May 30, 1906, in East St. Louis.

Mrs. Morgan retired from the Granite City Army Depot as a file clerk, and was a member of the Seway Avenue Methodist Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Shirley Batson of Troy, one sister, Ida Ramsey of Granite City; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Morgan; her parents, Harry and Elvira (Hagler) Reeves; and two children, Sonny Morgan and Mary Lester.

Services were Saturday, June 27, at Thomas Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Greg Barnett officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill in

Granite City.

Memorials may be made to the St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ.

**Robert Grant**  
ROBERT D. GRANT, 34, of Caseyville died Sunday, June 21, 1998, at St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis. He was born Jan. 14, 1964, in St. Louis.

Survivors include his parents, Oscar and Delberta (DeWitt) Grant of Caseyville; two sisters, Katherine Groves and Deborah Clark, both of Caseyville; two brothers, James Grant of Caseyville, and David Grant of Granite City; and one stepbrother, Larry Ray of West Virginia.

Services were Thursday, at Her Funeral Home in Caseyville, with the Rev. Michael Jenkins officiating. Burial will be in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Collinsville.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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# Despite rain, area flooding unlikely

## Metropolitan area better prepared for potential problems than in '93

By Scott Mandrell  
Staff writer

Dark clouds have been gathering over Midwestern skies, but there may be a silver lining. According to a variety of area officials, metropolitan St. Louis is better prepared for — or at least, more wary of — potential flooding than it ever has been before.

While Iowa has already seen torrential spring rains swell its streams and rivers, little of the high water there is expected to reach the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers near St. Louis.

In a recent interview, Paul Goodloe, KSDK-TV Channel 5 meteorologist, told the *Suburban Journals* that the current dry period should compensate for the heavy rains the region has received during the past month. "We're actually experiencing a warming trend," said Goodloe. "Now, you're going to see

things starting to brown up."

The National Weather Service continues to monitor the unusual weather patterns resulting from such phenomenon as El Nino, and its counterpart El Nina. El Nino, characterized by warming of Pacific Ocean currents, was considered responsible for the extremely mild winter of 1997-98. While El Nino reduced precipitation, El Nina is expected to increase it over the next few months.

Sandy Clawson, chief of public affairs for the United States Army Corps of Engineers in St. Louis, credits the lack of major snow fall with limiting the impact of current flooding upstream on the Mississippi, as well as decreasing the threat to the metropolitan area.

"We haven't seen the kind of things we saw in 1993 or 1995," she said. "The difference is the snowpack. In 1993, the snow was melting and then we got the torrential rains."

Clawson said the Corps feels confident that the rivers can

handle this year's rainfall without much problem.

"There will probably be flooding on the Meramec, and in a few other places that we see it annually," Clawson said. "But we shouldn't let down our guard."

Brooke Eiler of the Missouri Department of Transportation agrees with Clawson's advice. "We make ongoing inspections of places prone to flooding," said Eiler. MoDOT gives special attention to Highway 94 in St. Charles County near West Alton and to roads near the Meramec River.

"Signs are kept on hand as close to the site as possible in case of the need to close the road," Eiler said. She also indicated that the agency uses a telephonic system now to get remote reports of the river stage. Some bridges are equipped with electronic monitoring devices, said the MoDOT official.

As they were in 1993, bridges are the most vulnerable component of the metropolitan highway system during flooding. However, it's not always the bridge itself which is the problem, but the road leading to it.

A rash of unrelated bridge closings has caused frustration and inconvenience for hundreds of thousands of local commuters in the past weeks. The prospect of losing another artery between population and mercantile centers around the region has everyone involved worried.

Illinois Department of Transportation's District 8 engineer Jim Easterly expressed his agency's desire to be prepared. "1993 was an eye-opener," said Easterly. "As a result of the Great Flood of '93, IDOT took a statewide look at problem areas and identified roads that could be raised. And we've tried to do that."

As far as a contingency plan, Easterly said that if another bridge between Missouri and Illinois were closed the only recourse they would have would be rerouting traffic. For example, closing Illinois 367, at Alton would mean sending additional commuters over the Chain of Rocks bridge, which is already operating with lane

restrictions due to construction.

"Yeah, if we get hit now, we'd be in real trouble," Easterly said. "But, we are going to be done with the I-270 bridge work this fall. We'll have our barricades off of it by December."

Easterly, who reported that Illinois is committed to a new bridge across the Mississippi, said his department will complete Phase I of its engineering plan for that project by next summer. "The only long-term answer is a new bridge into St. Louis."

Other disaster relief organizations, such as the Salvation Army and Red Cross, continue to prepare for any eventuality.

"The river is going to do what she's going to do," said Vince Wright, Wright, director of Disaster Relief for the Salvation Army's Midland Division, which serves Missouri and Southern Illinois, said that the agencies have learned just how important it is for them to network with one another.

Wright indicated that the various agencies are in daily contact with one another.

"The current flooding in Iowa is being addressed by a different group of emergency services agencies," said Wright. "But we're keeping a watchful eye on the situation. That water's got to go somewhere. And, like I said, the rivers are gonna do what the rivers are gonna do."



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Two men navigate their boat along what was an access road to the low-water dam on Chouteau Island.

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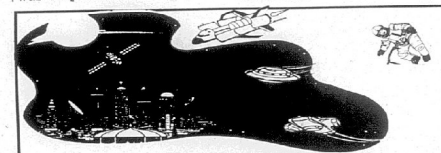
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Sommer said there is also a great difference in the types of foods people want today.

"The food today is what the chefs refer to as *novelle cuisine*, which is a light food," he said. "Back 20 years ago we made sauces and gravies. People were not as health conscious as they are today."

"One of the reasons for that is that we had the European influence on foods," he said.

"The Europeans are excellent sauce makers," he continued. "The reason for the sauces was that their refrigeration wasn't very good, so when the meat got a little strong you just added a stronger sauce and you couldn't taste it."

Today, people want everything natural," he said. "With prime rib they want a little *au jus*, they don't want a burgundy sauce or something over the top of it."

Because of those changes, he said the influence of American chefs is becoming more important.

"I was over in Berlin, and a German newspaper had an ad for a chef, it said must be American-trained," he said.

"American chefs are more cost-conscious than European chefs. Like I was telling the students today, you have to maintain your food costs and labor costs."

"Any chef can put out a beautiful buffet or a beautiful table," he said. "We have the finest food in the world - if you don't have to worry about cost."

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## Final path of new 159 unveiled

By Becky Vollmer  
Staff writer

Oliver Rutz has lived at 112 Magnolia St. in Edwardsville for 47 years, and he guesses he's got another year or two to stay before his home is torn down to make way for the relocated Illinois 159.

"That's a good question," Rutz said.

The final alignment of the relocated 159, which was unveiled Wednesday by state transportation officials at a public meeting, will mean that Rutz's longtime residence will have to come down. The house sits at the southeast corner of Plum and Magnolia streets.

Rutz's house is one of two structures the Illinois Department of Transportation will have to acquire before building the new road, Jerry's Tires, at the southwest corner of Main and Vandalia streets, also will be torn down.

"I don't like it, but what am I going to do?" Rutz said. "I could fight them, but sooner or later, they'd condemn it, and then they

could take it for less than what they've offered."

IDOT officials say that when the final alignment of relocated Illinois 159 is approved, which they expect to happen this fall, the state will be able to begin land acquisition proceedings.

Construction is expected to begin in 2000, and officials estimate the road will be complete no later than 2002.

The goal of the \$7.3 million project is to reduce the high volume of cars traveling on existing Illinois 159, or Troy Road, each day.

IDOT estimates about 92,000 cars travel on Troy daily between Linden Street and Center Grove Road.

Without the relocated Illinois 159, that number would jump to more than 96,000 cars by the year 2000, officials estimate. By 2020, volume would reach nearly 125,000 cars daily, they estimate.

Four electric signals will be placed along the relocated 159, which will run south from Main Street across Center Grove along Cougar Road and then along Kettle River Drive.

As rain restores the earth after a dry and wilting time, hope restores the spirit.

I stood motionless in the department store looking at the 30-by-24-inch picture. The gold framed lithograph was of two sweet angels nestled together. The picture made me smile. "How lovely," I said to myself.

At that time, I lived in a tiny two-room apartment, the same dreary space I had occupied for the past nine years.

"Someday," I thought, "That beautiful angel picture will hang in my new home."

With that vision tucked in my heart, I carried the angel picture to the register, paid for it, brought it back to my small apartment and put it away in a closet.

I had dreamt for years how I would one day decorate my new home with cheerful designs and soothing color schemes. I even sketched where the furniture would go and the fireplace. When I would go to the mall with my girl friend Jeannette, I'd show her the floral bathroom ensemble that I liked and even a lovely dining room set that I admired.

"Someday, I'll decorate my home with these things," I said. This went on for years.

When the voice of hope is in

## A New You



Catherine Galasso

your heart a transformation will begin. God is faithful to His promises. He will give you the desires of your heart. "The Lord will indeed give what is good." Psalm 85:12

Hope can be defined as "waiting with certitude." Hope is a confident anticipation of something wonderful happening that has not yet come. Set high goals and do not be frustrated by difficulties or setbacks. The longest journey begins with only one step.

Maybe the odds of us succeeding are overwhelming. And the world may be filled with nay-sayers. But what gets us the victory is hope and sheer perseverance.

Persistence pays off and opens the door to success. Hope pushes ahead when it would be easy to quit.

Remember the song "High Hopes...he's got high hopes, he's got high in the sky apple pie hopes." Through hope we have joyful expectation that if we hold on, endure and trust in God, we will get through even the darkest times.

History is packed with people who held on to hope, despite the odds. Alexander Graham Bell was laughed to scorn when he began his invention of the telephone. Beethoven composed most of his music during the years of his steadily worsening hearing loss but his greatest composition, the Ninth Symphony, was written when he was completely deaf. For he had in his heart the tone of each note.

Helen Keller, blind and deaf, graduated with honors and went on to become a world-renowned author, lecturer and coveted guest of many presidents of the United States. Keller said, "The world is full of suffering. It is also full of the overcoming of it."

Hope regards problems, big or small, as opportunities. "I once heard a Shaker quote that has remained with me," says Madama McKernon of West Haven, Conn. "Hands to work and hearts to God. If we all directed our thoughts, hopes and fears to Him, life

would seem much simpler." The next time disappointment threatens a dream of yours, I hope you will remember the story of the angel picture. It was bought in hope, way before any possibility of a home was evident, and in faith and trustful love.

Today, that sweet picture hangs in the foyer of my home. The green and burgundy flower bathroom ensemble I looked at so long ago now adorns my bathroom, and last week that lovely and inviting dining room set was delivered.

Impossible one may think. But oh no, nothing is impossible with God. With hope, anchored in our hearts, He brings forth blessings far greater than even some one like me, with limited scopes can imagine. And so for you dear readers, if you let Him, miracles for you.

Just keep the faith. He delights to show Himself faithful.

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# Work pays off in development in area, officials say

By Scott Cousins  
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Good things come to those who work together.

That was the message at a luncheon Wednesday in Collinsville celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority.

In the past 10 years, SWIDA has issued \$225 million in bonds for 25 major projects in Madison and St. Clair counties, said Dr. Earl Lazerson, president emeritus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, and the first chairman of SWIDA.

He said a development boom is sweeping across southwestern Illinois, but it wasn't always that way.

In the early 1980s, the regional economy was on the decline, the state was losing almost a half-million manufacturing jobs, and political infighting stalled needed improvements. But by working together, he said business, political and community leaders were able to turn it around.

Former U.S. Sen. Alan Dixon, the keynote speaker, echoed Lazerson's message.

"One of the things I notice when I go to work every day, is the thousands of cars crossing the bridge from our region in Southwestern Illinois to work in St. Louis," Dixon said.

"In my building, the biggest building in St. Louis, the majority of the employees in that building are Illinoisans," he said. "That's the thing we need to remember when we talk about the importance of working together in this part of our state."

"As I look back on a lifetime of public service, the thing that stands out to me is that all of the successes that we've had in this region are the consequences of working together," he said. "The one significant failure in my lifetime in this region, is when we fought one another."

He said that failure was the cancellation of the Columbia-Warrenton airport in the 1970s.

"When the Columbia airport was contemplated, and we were going to have the major airport in this region, the two sides of the river began to fight one another, and the entire region lost a huge economic development so significantly important to this region," he said.

In talking about SWIDA, he said that although it was reauthorized by the State Legislature, it was not an easy fight.

In the future, he said, it needs strong support, and local leaders should make it a priority to talk to gubernatorial candidates Illinois Secretary of State George Ryan and Congressman Glenn Poshard to make SWIDA permanent.

"We ought to talk to them and have them pledge to do what they can to make SWIDA a permanent institution that can continually serve this region," Dixon said. "The significant things that have happened recently in this region have happened because of SWIDA."

Three such projects were honored at the meeting.

Gateway International Raceway was named the Outstanding Development of 1997. The two other finalists for the award were Community Development Consultants Inc. of East St. Louis and the Alton Square expansion.

## Haine plans effort on guns

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statements next week."

He said the emphasis on getting illegal guns out of the community is in part because of a recent series of school shootings throughout the nation.

"That's part of it, plus the general idea that there are too many illegal guns," he said.

In general, he said, the county's crime rate has been going down for the past few years, and this is an effort to keep it going in that direction.

He also said owners of legal firearms have nothing to fear from the program.

"If they have a right to a firearm, that right will be respected," he said.

To possess a firearm or ammunition in Illinois,

residents must have a Firearm Owners' Identification Card, which is issued by the Illinois State Police.

Felons, drug addicts and mentally incompetent individuals are prohibited from obtaining a card. In addition, Illinois has a three-day waiting period for handgun sales, and a one-day waiting period for rifles and shotguns.

Residents must be 21 years old to purchase handguns or handgun ammunition, 18 for long guns.

At the office, turn off lights, photocopiers or computers that are not being used. Illinois Power will be following its own advice in IP offices.

The peak, critical hours are 3 to 6 p.m., DeVore said.

Anything customers can do to help the utilities will appreciate.

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## Raceway is honored with award from SWIDA

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speaks well of the opportunity that exists here in the development of this area.

"St. Louis really has no place to grow to except across the river here in Southwestern Illinois, and I hope we can be a good shining example of the business opportunities that are here for corporate America," he said.

He said government incentives, such as SWIDA's issuance of bonds, was vital for the project.

"This is all private money, and if you're going to get the private sector to invest in major capital projects such as this that create such huge economic impact, you have to create a positive economic environment that SWIDA and the (Illinois) Department of Commerce and Community Affairs have developed."

Pook also said they had a major expansion of the racetrack planned.

"We're going to take the racetrack up this winter to about 60,000 seats," he said.

"Probably end up spending another \$10-\$15 million on it," he said.

The expansion will start in the fall after the end of the regular racing season. The new seating will be built at the south end of the oval track near turns one and two.

One of the reasons for the expansion is that Gateway is seeking a NASCAR Winston Cup Series race. The top NASCAR series, Winston Cup races require nearly 100,000 seats.

"I'm very delicate about how I respond to that," he said. "It's the anticipation of the growth of the facility and events that we want to attract there."

The track has four major events this year. Pook said he was unsure if another major event would be added next year.

"I don't know if we can add it next year or not, but we're targeting the year 2000 to get that event," he said. "When you build these things, you have to be ready and prepared, and that takes a period of time."

He said the original \$25 million complex was built in record time, but "we probably suffered a bit as a result of the rushing, and we don't want to get into that box again."

In addition to racing, Pook said they are still working on a law enforcement driving school, and the facility is also in constant demand for auto parts product testing.

"We've been busy just about every single week since late March, and continue to be busy," he said. "All this stuff just goes on, these folks come in from out of town, they have to stay in hotels, they have to eat, drink, it creates jobs, that's what it's all about."

On June 30, shareholders of GPALB and Dover Downs Entertainment Inc. will vote on a merger.

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He said the original \$25 million complex was built in record time, but "we probably suffered a bit as a result of the rushing, and we don't want to get into that box again."

In addition to racing, Pook said they are still working on a law enforcement driving school, and the facility is also in constant demand for auto parts product testing.

"We've been busy just about every single week since late March, and continue to be busy," he said. "All this stuff just goes on, these folks come in from out of town, they have to stay in hotels, they have to eat, drink, it creates jobs, that's what it's all about."

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## 2004 group wants to make the entire area shine

By Michael Hayes  
Staff writer

It's our goal, so let's make it shine. That's the attitude the group 2004 wants residents on both sides of the Mississippi River to adopt.

The group, led by former U.S. Sen. John Danforth of Missouri, has set 2004 as its deadline to complete a renaissance of the St. Louis region.

After more than 70 community forums, 2004 is moving ahead. "We started in December 1996," said Michelle Cohen, spokesperson for St. Louis 2004, the agency working to improve the area by the 100-year anniversary of the St. Louis World's Fair.

"One of the first things we did was go out and ask people around the St. Louis region what their vision of St. Louis was. And from that we have developed a shared vision of St. Louis."

The vision includes an 11-item action plan for 1998. One of the top priorities is to revitalize downtown St. Louis.

Cohen said that every community forum—including those in Madison County—listed the revitalization of downtown St. Louis as essential.

"A strong downtown signifies a strong region, and Madison County is part of that region," Cohen said.

Earlier this spring, Nation's Bank committed \$100 million for investment in downtown.

"They want to be a catalyst to jump-start downtown," Cohen said.

Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa is pledging his support to forming a more solidified region. Papa has been active with the 2004 campaign, and he agrees that a strong downtown St. Louis is important to a healthy region.

"That's basically the philosophy that the three counties (Madison, St. Clair and Monroe) are striving for. We think of downtown St. Louis as the center, and that puts Madison, St. Clair and Monroe as an arc of that region."

Besides downtown, the group is working to link the region through transportation routes. "We want to create 300 miles of connected greenway," Cohen said.

The group recently got a boost in its efforts with the announcement that U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, secured \$6.5 million in transportation money for two multipurpose trail projects.

One of the projects will be a 27-mile trail running adjacent to MetroLink in St. Clair County at a cost of \$5.5 million.

The remaining \$1 million will be used for a

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25-mile trail from the Lock and Dam 27 Visitors Center in Granite City to Russell Park in Alton.

Papa said these trails are the first step in linking the region to traffic beyond cars. Cohen said large numbers of people from Madison County have been instrumental in the group's vision.

The group's first forum was held Aug. 25 in Godfrey at Lewis and Clark Community College. Others from Edwardsville to additional River Bend communities followed.

"Madison County has been very involved in 2004," Cohen said.

One of the items on the 11-point agenda is to create "sustainable" neighborhoods throughout the region.

Cohen said the group wants to create neighborhoods where residents and businesses work together to create a self-sufficient community.

Part of the sustainable neighborhood project will be addressing the health needs of children at risk.

The Deaconess Foundation in St. Louis pledged \$1 million annually for the next seven years to benefit children at health risk in cooperation with 2004.

"It will be part of the sustainable area initiative, but we have not yet identified (the neighborhoods)," Cohen said. "Some will be on the Metro East side."

Cohen said the group hopes to identify between six or eight pilot neighborhoods for the program by the end of July.

"I'm sure it will be neighborhoods that we would want to see be preserved or rehabilitated, and each city has those kinds of neighborhoods in its boundaries," Papa said.

The team effort of communities is what's going to determine whether the goal of 2004 is realized, Cohen said.

"St. Louis 2004 is a catalyst to get things moving," Cohen said. "Many things have to happen if we are going to undergo a renaissance."



Holy Family's anniversary committee includes, from left, Art Austin, Shirley Jansen, Kathy Mitchell (seated), the Rev. William Fisher-Keller, Barb Huerb and Mary Wilkinson.

## Holy Family celebrating anniversary

Holy Family Parish is celebrating its 10th anniversary this weekend.

Holy Family Church and School were formed July 1, 1988, through the merging of St. Joseph, Sacred Heart and St. Margaret Mary churches. The Victorian priests, the Rev. William Fisher-Keller, pastor, and the Rev. Tom Wise, parochial Vicar, have served the parish since its formation.

Holy Family has a Learning Center for pre-school children and an elementary school for grades kindergarten through eighth grade. The school continues to grow and prosper. School leaders see a high percentage of students

reaching honor roll levels and continuing to excel once they move on to high school and college.

They are convinced of the commitment of their students to appreciate a strong educational environment.

Sister Angelene is the principal of Holy Family School. She had previously served as principal of the Sacred Heart/St. Joseph School and went on to become head of the current Holy Family School.

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary, Holy Family will be looking back to past activities and accomplishments seen as a growing parish. Holy

Family members attribute the parish's strength to deep roots given to them by the combining of the former parishes.

Holy Family has many pictures and mementos from all three former parishes which they are certain will bring back many memories. They even have a photograph from 1904. Many photos, year books and memorabilia will be displayed in our Community Center after each of the Masses. People are welcome to help celebrate the 10th Anniversary.

The weekend Mass schedule is 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

## Ceremony to honor Revolutionary soldier

The annual Revolutionary War Patriot Commemoration by the Gen. George Rogers Clark Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, will honor a soldier in Carolina campaigns who became one of the first settlers in Madison County.

A ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 28 at a stone placed by the SAR chapter at the burial place of William Bates, now on grounds of Lockhaven Country Club. It is the 10th commemoration by the

70-member SAR chapter for a Revolutionary soldier buried in or near Madison County.

Speakers will be Russell E. Dunham of Jerseyville, a World War II Congressional Medal of Honor winner, and Merrill Rosenthal, retired Madison County teacher, reviewing Bates' life.

Bates, born about 1759 in Pennsylvania, served with militia and North Carolina regulars in Gen. Nathaniel Greene's campaigns.

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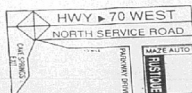
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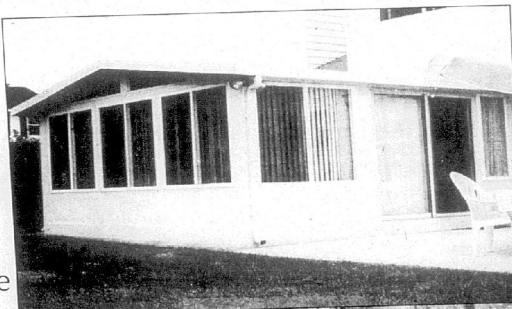
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## Club news

### Beta Sigma Phi

The Illinois Omicron Master chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority met in the home of Ariene Haldeman on April 30 to celebrate the 67th anniversary of the sorority's founding. Dinner was served to nine members and one guest.

Following dinner, Imogene Forrest led the group in the Founder's Day Pledge. Pat Tsigaloroff then read the 1938 Founder's Day Message from Jack Ross, son of Walter W. Ross, founder of Beta Sigma Phi. Chapter president Evelyn Tolliver, then revealed the 1998-1999 theme — "From Dust into Stardust." Gifts with a sorority theme were presented to each member. The evening ended with dessert and a social hour.

Attending the celebration, along with those mentioned were: Joyce Alexander, Beatrice Brackett, Delores Dorch, Alice Konecny, Lora Mae Lombardi, and special guest and former member Jane Stevens from Avon.

### Ladies Coterie

The Ladies Coterie of Granite City, a member of the Illinois General Federation of Women's Clubs, sponsored a "Prevent Child Abuse" poster contest this spring at the junior high level. Thanks to the wonderful cooperation of the art teachers, there was an excellent response, and all participants are to be commended for their contributions. The Omni Bank generously donated two \$50 Savings Bonds as first prizes at both Coolidge

and Grigsby Schools. In addition, the Ladies Coterie gave first and second place winners at each school a check for \$25. A presentation of these gifts was made at the Omni Bank Friday April 24, by Mr. Ungen, president of the Bank, and Mr. Hassler, a member of the board of Directors.

The winners were:  
Grigsby School: First place — Mike Watkins, second place — Vanessa Hartwick.  
Coolidge School: First place — Earl Evans.

All other entrants have graciously agreed to have their posters displayed in the Madison County area by Parents Anonymous, a service of Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois.

### Home League

The Home League Women of the Salvation Army met in the Salvation Army Hall. After a prayer by Mrs. Capt. Harriet Colip, the group was led by Colip in a Bible study on "The Log-Burden" to be lifted by Christians. Several ladies read scriptures from Isaiah, Matthew, II Peter, II Chronicles, Acts, Galatians and Romans. The final text was about the burden for fellow Christians. After the lesson, there was prayer for those with serious health problems.

Lunch was served to 37 women and one boy. Those who ate lunch placed a dollar in the bowl on the table for missions. Next Tuesday, the group plans to go to the Botanical Gardens in St. Louis. Call 451-7957 for transportation.

Those who shared lunch together were Margie Szerinskie, Myrtle Howell, Vera Lynn, Cleo Slushe, Naomi Russell, Doris Strask, Dorothy Castleman, Doris Nelson, Joyce Moran, Jo Wilkins, Gertrude Bradley, Evelyn Miles, Nina Hull, Birdie Meyenburg, Ernestine Hahn, Darlene Robinson, Elizabeth Griffin, Evelyn Bringer, Lynn Wooten, Josephine Bodl, Evelyn Wimberly, Mildred Lovejoy, Marie Verbruyck, Ceila Wright, Mrs. Capt. Harriet Colip, Gladys Froehman, Pat Freese, Mildred Freese, Maxine Rutter, Ernestine Hahn, Jerry Clay, Hazel Meisnerheimer, Mast Mize, and Jimmy Mize.

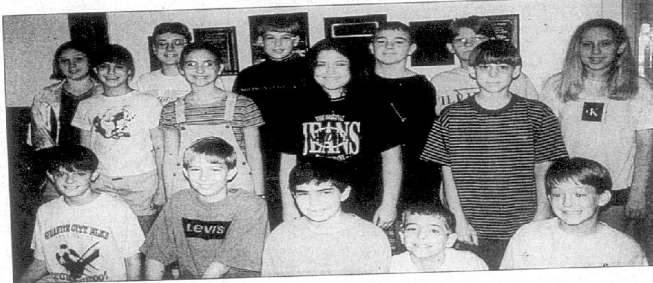
### AARP

Members and guests of the American Association of Retired Persons enjoyed its May Dinner Dance, which was catered by Jerry's Kids.

The event provided an excellent opportunity for awards to be given to deserving members. Mary Earls, Chapter Specialist District 21 and recently elected Illinois delegate, presented president Pauline Hanson with a 25-year plaque for Chapter 1340 from the national office. Hanson then presented certificates to four charter members — Helen Bartacchi, Arthur Lindner, Viola Lindner and Grace Radocic — in appreciation for 25 years of dedicated service to the chapter and its members.

## Honored

Fifteen sixth-grade students from Niedringhaus School were recently recognized for academic excellence at an evening ceremony held in the high school auditorium. The students were winners of the W. Richard Brinkhoff Academic Achievement Award, which is the highest academic award possible for elementary school students. They are: front row, left to right, Ben Zaring, Andrew Skokio, Andy Gilley, Zachary Weidner, Tom Hughes; middle row, Nicole Schaboude, Emily Briner, Alexandra Batsios, Edward Schillinger, and Danielle Watkins; back row, Krista Schillinger, Dillon Simon, Jake Taylor, Kyle Carpenter and Danielle McGuire.



## Readers

Approximately 160 students from Niedringhaus School successfully completed the Independent Reading Program by reading 100 books during the current school year. Of those students, 10 sixth-graders were given special recognition for completing the program each year during elementary school. They received a collectible silver medallion donated by the Granite City Kiwanis Club. Students receiving the special award were, from left: Brandi McBride, Nicole Schaboude, Justin Schillinger, Katie Ersamer, Andrew Skokio, Alexandra Batsios, Dillon Simon, Edward Schillinger, Jake Taylor and Matt Woodiel.

## Lewis and Clark names spring honor roll

The following students have been named to honors lists for the 1998 spring semester at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey:

**President's List**  
GLEN CARBON — Monica Boyd, Zachary Friederich, Thomas Gately, Patsy Hite, Susan Kessler, Catherine Kirk, Christopher Peck, Jennifer Plummer, Rycken Suddam, Teresa Trent.  
GRANITE CITY — Deborah Baugum, John Schaboude, Deanna Smith.  
HAMEL — Denise Engleke.  
MASCOUTAH — Teresa Webster.  
MORO — Michael Epps, Alicia Johnson, Shaun Johnson, Lance Law.  
STAUNTON — Carrie Abram, Janey Best, John Blythe, Kurt Henke, Ruth Kludt, Nancy Losh, Gerry Muenstermann, Kelly Nolan, Patricia Odom, Christy

Pulley, Lee Santillman, Lisa Scanlon, Tara Semanek, Cheryl Strubling, Kelley Young.

**WATERLOO** — Kristina Schmidt.

**WORDEN** — John Deluca, Wade Schelling.

**Dean's List**  
BELLEVILLE — Tabatha Levratures.

**COLLINSVILLE** — Gerald Klein, Christy Polack, Patricia Polack, Brenda Wilson.

**DORSEY** — Nancy Mihalich, Robyn Mitchell.

**EDWARDSVILLE** — Dean Ahne, Dana Allen, Crystal Anderson, Brandon Bentley, Charles Brock, Tony Bumpers, William Craft, Melanie Cruise, Mari Del Rio, Paul Durkee, Dan Farmer, Marika Feeney, James Fox, Shane Garwood, Cindy Galton, Danielle Hall, Sean Harmon, Peyton House, Cheryl Kuehnelt, Janet Laws, David Luggelt, Anthony

Leopold, Mary Magarida, Connie McKenzie, Amy Mills, Nicole Pannier, Cynthia Ray, Ann Schwartzkopf, Denise Svaboda, Kelly Wagner, Janet Waraboda.  
**GLEN CARBON** — Christina Bradshaw, Shane Fore, Kelly Griffith, Tamara Guidici, Anna Jensen, Elaine Jones, Michelle Kruse, Brian Linhoff, Jason Martintoni, Holly McGuiggin, Debra Snyder, Bradey Weimers.

**GRANITE CITY** — Jacob Atchley, Stacy Czerniewski, Jeffrey Hayes, Donna McGrath, Ryan Nelskie, Tara Tomlinson.

**MORO** — Brian Davis, Alice Garner, Vicki Kruse, Brianna Lilly, Sara McDonald, Christine Ursch, Paula Walters.

**NEW BADEN** — Jay Friederich, Adam Pruitt.

**STAUNTON** — Eva Bartony, Dawn Brown, Crystal Buse, Larry Calidieri, Lagina Campbell.

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# Just Kidding

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**Delino De Shields**  
Age: 99  
Uniform #: 7  
Position: Second Baseman  
Throws: Right  
Bats: Left

**John Frascatore**  
Age: 28  
Uniform #: 50  
Position: Pitcher  
Throws: Right  
Bats: Right

**WINNERS**

Listed below are the winners for last month's "Who's on First" contest:

Tim Hulse  
Nick Elliot  
Paul Greco  
Kevin Bowen  
John Phillips  
Atika Street  
Ryan Solomon  
Lance Wilson  
Nate Arends  
Daniel Webber  
Melissa Johnson  
Austin Egan  
Bryan Bond

Tim Sink  
Chris Kane  
Chris Neporadsky  
Amanda Lohr  
Maggie Sind  
Randy Ventura  
Cory Cavalecky  
Jake Teal  
Chris Loucks  
Dannery Williams  
Jason Taylor  
Shawn McCune

## Match the players with their numbers

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**ENTRY FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Cardinals' Match the Players,  
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My question is: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Horo

**SUNDAY**  
The regal Mercury airy sensitive Virgo. Take time to feel unstead. Virgo moon's influence is you through moments an on important. Stabilizing in with surprise changes.  
**ARIES (M)**  
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**TAURUS**  
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**GEMINI**  
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STARRING JENNIFER LOPEZ  
GAIL MARS VILLI  
DAILY MAIL 1:10 3:10  
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# Horoscope

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28**  
The regal sun and dynamic Mercury are in the highly sensitive water sign of Cancer. Take time to be alone if you feel uneasy. The earthy Virgo moon's grounding influence is there to support you through any rough moments and keep you focused on important details. Stabilizing influences combine with surprises for positive changes.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Thriftiness now makes a substantial purchase possible later. Persistence is the key to getting your ideas noticed. Helpful relationship hints are irritating to hear, so don't give them or ask for them.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Look beyond bleak outer appearance and realize that it's possible for you to capitalize on even the tiniest opportunities and realize that a subtle hint from a friend should be taken seriously.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Familial bonds are strengthened by sharing more time. Jump on the bandwagon headed toward sheer fun. You come to a turning point in a relationship—it is up and up from here. A personal issue is decided by dinner time.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22).



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Ideas need action, and action generates new ideas—so make this a high-energy day. Problematic familial relationships need space. Others are entitled to beliefs that differ from yours. Romance affects your decisions.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Ambitions take a back seat to your personal life. Appetites left unsated will stimulate stronger cravings. It is better to let yourself have what you desire, if only a taste. Tonight, speak little and listen much.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (June 28). You may wind up engaging in something you never imagined yourself doing next month! Take great joy in all your adventures, and also take plenty of pictures. In August, new insights into love relationships are life-changing. Scorpio and Aries make intensely passionate partners. Career moves in October involve a different sort. Your lucky numbers are 3, 29, 31, and 32.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Ambitions take a back seat to happy relationships—but you can do both. A partner who doesn't want you to succeed is not really a partner. Singles: You could light up a sensual love affair with one you've been attracted to.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Concentrate on one thing at a time, and all things get done eventually. Your lust for life is what attracts your partners. Parties and social gatherings

suffer without your cheerful influence.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There is a palpable energy between you and a sexy stranger. Someone else's code of ethics is different from yours. You must still be assertive about your rights. A Gemini helps out.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You see what is virtually invisible to the naked eye. A sweetheart is attracted to your eclectic style. Sometimes, friends impose on your good nature. Play royalty in your own game instead of being a pawn in someone else's.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You open the lines of communication for people who feel shut out. A lover needs support, but you should stop giving loans you know will never be paid back.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Romance makes life an adventure. You can hire an outside party and stop a quarrel that has been going on for years. While others are intolerant, you get a kick out of outlandish or erratic behavior.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Money issues are reduced to little or no importance over time. Keep an enthusiastic pace, and you'll soon find it's easy to get twice as much done in a day. An effective political move improves your work status.

# Movie schedules

Film timetable for Sunday, June 28. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

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170 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill.  
344-1708  
Mulan (G) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 7:50, 9:50  
The Truman Show (PG) 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 7:50, 9:50  
Can't Hardly Wait (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 7:50, 9:50  
A Perfect Murder (R) 3:30, 5:45, 7:50, 9:50

**EASTGATE CINE**  
Eastgate Center, E. Altan, Ill. 254-5289  
The Truman Show (PG) 2:30, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00  
Six Days Seven Nights (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
Mulan (G) 12:45, 2:40, 4:45, 6:50, 9:00  
The X-Files (PG-13) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 7:50, 9:50  
Dr. Dolittle (PG-13) 1:30, 2:50, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40  
Out of Sight (R) 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

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# Chicago ballpark just another Cards play

By Kevin Carbery  
Correspondent

My friends and I went to see the Cardinals play the Cubs at a neat feeling to be in an edifice where Babe Ruth once swatted homers, but the building itself is no great shakes. In fact, if you end up in a seat behind one of the giant poles supporting the upper tier, you get to see only about half to three-quarters of the playing field. The ivy on the outfield wall does nothing for me either.

I have fun on these treks to the Windy City, but my point is that Wrigley Field is overrated. It's a nice place to be

sure, but it is nothing special to me. I go to the games to see baseball. As long as the field is playable, I do not care where the game played. I also want to address the Cubs fans. There is a myth that Cubs fans are somehow more devoted because they have stuck with their club even though the Cubs have gone decades without appearing in the World Series. The truth is they are just like everybody else. They are no more baseball purists than are the fans in St. Louis, Atlanta, Baltimore or Baltimore. They cheer when their players do something good and they boo if their players screw up. Their quirk of throwing back home run balls hit by opposing teams is unbelievably stupid. Any true fan would kill for a Major League home run ball.

In response to all of the abuse I took from Cubs fans while their heroes took three of four from the Birds, this week's quiz is on Cubs trivia. Trust me, this is not going to be flattering to the Chicago National League baseball club. 1. Which team did the Cubs defeat when they won their last World Series championship in 1908? That's right, it was in 1908. 2. How many World Series championships have the Cardinals won since the Cubbies took the 1908 title? 3. When the Birds sent Leon Durham, Ken Reitz and a player to be named later to the Cubs in 1980, who did St. Louis

get in return? 4. Within 10, how many of Ernie Banks' 312 career homers were hit at his home park? 5. Which visiting player has hit the most home runs at Wrigley Field? 6. Which player struck out the most times in a season for the Cubs? 7. Which player grounded in the most double plays in a season for the Cubs? 8. Which Cub player made the most fielding errors in a season since 1900? 9. Which Cub pitcher has surrendered the most home runs in a season? 10. Which teams beat the Cubs in the 1984 and 1989 League Championship Series?

Answers: 1. The Detroit Tigers. 2. Nine. 3. Closer Bruce Sutter, who led the Birds to the 1982 World Series championship. 4. 290, so 280 to 300 is in the acceptable range. 5. Willie Mays, with 54. 6. Sammy Sosa, with 174 in 1997. 7. Ron Santo, who did it 27 times in 1973. 8. Shortstop Joe Tinker of "Tinker to Evers to Chance" fame, who made 72 errors in the 1952 season. 9. Warren Hacker, who gave up 38 go-ahead hits in 1955. 10. San Diego in 1984 and San Francisco in 1989.

Kevin Carbery can be heard as a regular on "The Trivia Coast-To-Coast Show" from 8 to 11 p.m. Sundays on KMOX-AM (1120).

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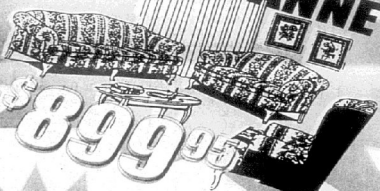
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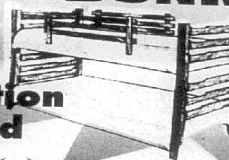
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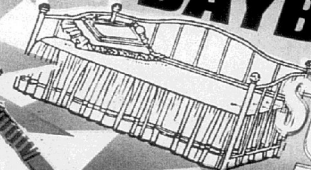
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# Sports

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## Mistake paves way for record

Zipfel: Road to 61 rougher for Big Mac

No doubt about it. This is the summer of the home run in major league baseball. We haven't even reached the Fourth of July weekend, and Mark McGwire of the Cardinals already is the master of fireworks.



Art Voellinger  
Sports Views

When it comes to following Mr. Mac on his path toward the magic 61, hit by Roger Maris in 1961, I don't know of a better person to make a comparison of McGwire and Maris than Bud Zipfel of Belleville.

You see in '61, Zip was a rookie first baseman with the Washington Senators of the American League and not only witnessed Maris as an opposing player, but also had a hand in the record-making.

"We were playing the Yankees in Griffith Stadium (in Washington, D.C.) and he hit what I believe was No. 40 (actually No. 42) against my roommate Pete Burnside (a lefthanded pitcher)," said Zipfel.

"But he would not have gotten that one if I had caught a foul pop-up on the previous pitch. Our second baseman, Chuck Cottier, had called for the ball from behind me, but I got my glove on it and dropped it. Maris hit the next pitch to dead right field."

Had Zipfel caught the pop fly, one can only surmise if Maris would have finished with 80 homers instead of 61, but Zipfel is quick to note that the Yankees slugger had a lineup that lent to Babe Ruth's record being broken.

"Maris had (Mickey) Mantle and (Bill "Moose") Skowron behind him in the batting order," said Zipfel.

"He (Maris) also was a pull hitter, and the wall wasn't that deep down the right field line in Yankee Stadium. He also was strong like McGwire."

Can McGwire break the record? "I think he can," said Zipfel. "He's a big, unbelievable and is a perfect person to do it because he represents baseball so well."

"The pressure on him should be a little different in St. Louis than it was on Maris in New York."

Originally signed by the Yankees, Zipfel spent five years in that organization before expansion and the selection of the Senators sent him to Washington in '61.

Among Zipfel's teammates in the Yankees system was pitcher Hal Reniff, who roomed with Maris on the road in the major leagues.

"Hal told me the pressure on Maris was incredible," said Zipfel while recalling how Reniff often had to serve as a personal escort in New York or on the road.

"We had a guy (outfielder) Marty Keough, who was stabbed in the back by the pencil of an autograph seeker," said Zipfel.

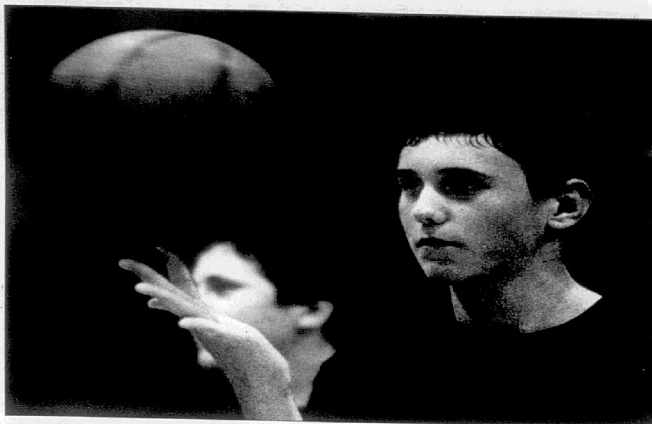
While Zipfel does not expect similar hassle for McGwire, he does think the Cardinals lineup may allow teams to pitch around him.

"They do not have Mantle (64 home runs in '61) or Skowron (28) or hitters like Yogi Berra (22), Johnny Blanchard (21) and Elston Howard (21)," said Zipfel.

For the season, the Yankees hit a record 240 home runs and finished with a 109-53 record while Maris had an asterisk placed after his 61 HRs in a 162-game season.

"He was a good ballplayer and an under-rated rightfielder," said Zipfel.

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## They got game

Collinsville High School put on a basketball camp Monday through Friday. Participants included, clockwise, from top, Chris Simon, 13; Blake Burgess, 10; and Jordan Corvallis, 9, all of Collinsville.

John Swistak photos

## Inconsistency worries Murphy

Team also loses cleanup man

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

It has been either feast or famine for the Collinsville Herr Travelers.

**LEGION BASEBALL** The Collinsville junior legion

team is off to a 4-5 start. The record is OK for some, but not for Travelers coach Glen Murphy.

"We are averaging about seven or eight runs per game, but it is just that it comes in one game we'll get 11 runs and the next game we'll get two," Murphy said. The Travelers picked up two big victories earlier in

the week. Last Saturday, Brandon Murphy went the distance in a 5-2 victory over Troy. Brandon Murphy scattered seven hits and helped his own cause with a 3-for-4 performance at the dish. Matt Briggs, Justin Volkmar and Justin Clayton each had two hits in the win.

Later in the afternoon, the Travelers were not able to give pitcher Joe Stogner much run support as they fell to Alton 3-2.

"He pitched a great game, but we couldn't get him any runs," Murphy said.

Brandon Murphy had two doubles and drove in both of

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## ALA card gives golfers more green

By Bill Hester  
Correspondent

It was an unusual Saturday for Earl Wilhold earlier this month as he did not spend it on the golf course. But Wilhold had a good excuse not to be playing his favorite hobby. He was celebrating his 50th anniversary with his wife, Virginia.

"I stayed home that day and then took my wife out to supper," the 69-year-old retired meat-cutter from Edwardsville said. "But she lets me play whenever I want."

That usually amounts to about five days a week for Wilhold, who likes the game so much that he runs a pro shop out of his basement.

The favorite day of the week for golf for Wilhold may be Tuesday when he and 27 of his golfing buddies get together for a weekly outing.

All 28 of the golfers use their 1998 golf privilege card, which is offered through the American Lung Association. The card entitles holders to a free or reduced green fee rate and discounted golf cart fees at more than 200

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## Panther duo nets 34-6 season mark

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

Chad Kukurola and Kevin Alford made sure their first and only season as a doubles team was a memorable one.

Kukurola, a senior at O'Fallon High School, and Alford, a junior, are the doubles team of the year on the Illinois Journals 1998 boys all-area tennis team. They capped a superb season with a 6-2 record and a tie for seventh place at the state tournament May 28-30 at Arlington Heights.

"It was the first year they had played varsity doubles together, and to accomplish what they accomplished is phenomenal," said O'Fallon coach Ray Cordon. "They really clicked. Their games complemented each others."



Alford and Kukurola and they communicated on the court extremely well. "Kukurola is a lanky lefthander with a big, booming kick serve, and he covers the net well. Alford has ground strokes that drive people nuts. They play the net well. They played their game — they didn't play other peoples'."

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### ALL-JOURNAL TENNIS



Bret Martin, who won the SWC singles championship and the doubles title with fellow senior Matt Guymon, is the Journals Singles Player of the Year.

## Martin serves up comeback

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

With a list of accomplishments including a Southwestern Conference championship, Belleville West's Bret Martin is the Singles Player of the Year for the Illinois Journals 1998 all-area boys tennis team.

But if there were a Comeback Player of the Year award for Metro East prep athletes — in any sport — Martin would have another honor.

After a life-threatening automobile accident two years ago and an accident-related illness in his junior season,

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## SIUE seeks sellout for farewell competition

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville is hoping Ralph Korte Stadium will be overflowing with well-wishers as it hosts a farewell track

**TRACK** meet for local Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey.

The stadium is to be expanded from its current capacity of 3,000 to 10,000 seats in hopes of a sellout for this world class meet.

No one from the St. Louis Sports Commission could give an exact number

as to how many tickets have been sold yet, but the Journal sports department has received several calls from individuals wanting ticket information.

"We're hoping for a sellout crowd," said Christy Dawson of the St. Louis Sports Commission.

This IAAF meet has been dubbed "U.S. Open: Track and Field's Farewell to JJK." Joyner-Kersey is expected to participate in her last event in the United States at 6 p.m.

Many of the world's top track athletes, such as Michael Johnson and Gail Devers, will be on hand to say their goodbyes. Overall, about 120 to 150 athletes are

expected to compete in the finals-only event.

The men's events are: 100, 400, mile, 3,000, 110 hurdles, 400 hurdles, high jump, shot put and hammer throw. The women's events include the 100, 400, 1,500, 3,000, 100 hurdles, long jump, discus, and either the pole vault or high jump.

Tickets are priced at \$25 for grandstand seating and \$15 for bleachers. Tickets are available at all 50 area MetroTix outlets, including Famous Barr, Streetside Records, select Schucks video stores, or charge by telephone by calling MetroTix at (314) 534-1111 or (800) 293-5949.



Jackie Joyner-Kersey







## Pair ends season 34-6

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games." The Panther duo, which reached the consolation semifinals at state, finished the season 34-6 overall.

"In the regular season they lost four times to three teams, and two of those losses were to a team from Decatur. Eisenhower that was a (No. 3) seed at state," Cordon said. "They ended up even surpassing those guys."

"One loss they probably shouldn't have had was to Pekin at the Bloomington Tournament. Those kids played the game of their lives and Chad and Kevin let them. But that was one small lapse in a brilliant season."

"It was the best finish ever for a doubles team from O'Fallon. I've been coaching here since '83 and we haven't had anybody come close to that. I'm really proud of them," Kukurula, who will play next season at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on a tennis scholarship, is spending the summer in Texas at the John Newcombe tennis camp. Alford, meanwhile, will be the top returning

player on the 1999 OTHS

squad

"We played together every once in a while in practice, but not seriously or in matches," Alford said. "We figured (Cordon) would put us together this year and he did."

"Having one lefthander and one righthander helped out a lot. It gives two different looks on the serve to other teams when they're returning it. We know each others' games pretty well."

"We thought going into state we could do pretty well if we just played solid. We thought we had a chance for the top eight. We didn't have any letdowns. Even after we lost our first match, we knew we had to keep it up if we wanted to do well in the back draw."

Alford played aUSTA tournament in Alton last weekend and plans to play in several more tournaments this summer. He's already looking forward to his senior season at O'Fallon.

"I'll probably end up playing singles, which is a completely different game at state," he said. "I'll just try to get to Friday (the second day of the three-day tournament) and see what happens from there."

## Martin named Singles Player of the Year

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Martin bounced back with a superb senior season.

"Going into the season, I was playing really strong," Martin said. "I was overconfident going into our first match against Springfield. I was playing so well I expected to be able to take on anybody, but I got whipped because I wasn't more consistent in my matches."

"This was the first year I've been able to play a complete season, so that in itself was a pretty big accomplishment."

The accident was on Memorial Day of 1996. Martin was riding in the back seat of a friend's car in Belleville. "We were going on 59th Street, and this car took the exit and went right for us and we hit them in the side," Martin said. "I broke my back and I was in a body cast for a month and a half to two months. I also ruptured my intestines and had a laceration over my eye. I was in a back brace for another month and then I had surgery for my stomach."

"After being in a body cast that long, I couldn't stand up. They had to tilt me on a table. That wasn't very much fun."

At that point, a return to tennis wasn't high on Martin's list of priorities. But the sport did serve as a measuring stick in his recovery.

"It was the winter after (the accident) before I was able to start getting around a bit," said Martin, whose sister Andrea, a 1995 West graduate, also played tennis

for the Maroons. "Even after all this was done, I had a bowel obstruction (in August 1997) after the first week of tryouts, and I had to have surgery again. I missed the beginning of my junior season because of that."

"I was pretty happy about how I did, but something like (the accident) changes your attitude about things like tennis. Just being able to play was more important than winning or losing."

"When my junior year started, I wasn't able to go back to school yet, so I had a home tutor for a couple weeks. There was still a lot of catching up to do when I got back. The support I got from everybody during the entire thing was great. I wouldn't have been able to do it without my family."

After winning the SWC singles championship and winning the doubles title with fellow senior Matt Guymon, Martin and Guymon combined to win the sectional doubles title, defeating two-time champions Dave Deets and Ryan Blaha of Alhough in the finals. At the state tournament, Martin and Guymon won four of six matches.

"We had a really good state tournament," Martin said. "Our first loss was in the third round to the No. 3 seed, and it was a really close match. The team that won state, we played earlier in the year and took them to three sets. We felt there wasn't anybody up there we didn't have a chance of beating."

"Beating Deets and Blaha at the sectional was a big win for us. We had lost to them in a dual match in three sets. We just played a lot better this time

around."

Martin was 19-5 in singles this season and 26-10 in doubles with Guymon. Like many top doubles teams, Martin and Guymon have contrasting styles.

"Matt has a really good net game, while I'm more of a baseline player with a big serve," said Martin, who has a career record of 44-15 in singles and 42-15 in doubles. "Combining my serves with his volleys, you get a really good team."

Nobody admires Martin's resiliency more than West coach Bob Kaiser.

"I told our team at the (postseason) banquet that Bret is the one player who could arguably be player of the year in singles and doubles," Kaiser said. "The only one (Martin and Guymon) were behind in doubles was (O'Fallon's Chad) Kukurula and (Kevin) Alford, who beat us twice and played a little better at state."

"Singles-wise, Bret beat everyone in the area except (Jerseyville's) Kip Church. He lost to (Alton's) Doug DeClue, but beat him in the conference tournament."

"For a kid to have gone through what Bret has gone through and become the No. 1 singles player in the area is unbelievable. I couldn't have asked for more. At one point, he was predicted not to live, but three times he came back after the accident and each time he was determined to play."

Martin will attend Bradley University in Peoria, where he plans to major in business and computer systems.

"I'm going on a half-tuition dean's scholarship for grades, but I think I'll play tennis," he said.

## Card offers special golf rates in the area

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participating golf courses throughout Illinois.

"I've had the card for 10 years or more," Wilhold said. "It's a great investment. If you use it twice, you more than pay for the \$35 it costs to get the card."

Wilhold has certainly gotten his money's worth from the card.

"I like to play different courses, and the card enables you to do just that," Wilhold said. "We never pay more than \$15 and you can play for as little as \$7 or \$8. It's a great deal, and every course welcomes you."

Wilhold and friends travel as far as Springfield to take advantage of the card. "We went to a course at Auburn the other day," Wilhold said. "It's 16 miles this side of Springfield. We enjoy taking those trips."

Wilhold said his favorite course is the Centennial Course in Jerseyville. But he has good reason for liking that course. "I played it two years ago and had nine

one-putt greens on the back side," he said. "I've never done that before."

Wilhold had heart surgery two years ago but still enjoys getting out and playing as often as possible.

"I started playing golf when I got out of the Marine Corps in 1963," Wilhold said. "When I started I thought you need it up every time you hit it. I feel that golf is the most challenging sport around. And when you are on the course, you forget about everything else. I love it."

He also loves the Golf Privilege Card, which started with five courses in Southwestern Illinois in 1988. There are now more than 200 courses statewide which participate.

"This is a great deal for people who have time to play during the week," said Karen Lanter, Senior Field Director of the American Lung Association of Illinois.

"It's perfect for retirees or teachers during the summer. It gives them a chance to travel to uncharted territory and play some different courses and to do so at lower rates."

There are 23 courses in the Southwestern Illinois area that are

included in the program. They include: Spencer T. Olin, Woodland Golf Club, Cloverleaf, Rock Springs and Roseland Golf Courses in Alton; American Legion, Lake James and Oak Brook Golf Clubs in Edwardsville; Belk Park Golf Course in Wood River; Rolling Hills Golf Course in Godfrey; Arlington Golf Course and The Legacy in Granite City; The Prairies of Cahokia; Grand Marais Golf Course in Centerville; Indian Mounds Golf Course in Fairmont City; Locust Hills Golf Club in Lebanon; Marissa Recreational Golf Course, Triple Lake Golf Club in Millstadt; and Clinton Hill Golf Course, The Orchards and Yorktown Golf Complex in Belleville.

"We haven't lost a course in five years," Lanter said. "We keep on adding courses. The savings vary by course, but all are at least buy one, get one free green fees."

The 1998 Golf Privilege Card may be purchased for \$35 directly from any Illinois Lung Association office or by calling 1-800-LUNG-USA. Applications are also available at participating golf courses.

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## Maris had help with homer record

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Extra innings

Called up to the majors in late June of '61 after hitting 340 with 19 homers at Houston of Class AAA, Zepher hit his first of 10 career home runs late in the first week in the bigs.

"It was in Detroit and off Phil Regan (righthander)," said Zepher. "He threw a curveball, and I hit it into the second deck."

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## Post often short on runs

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Collinsville runs. Clayton had three hits. Joe Mounts was a combined 5-for-8 in both games.

"Our biggest disappointment of the season came with the news that varsity high school player Adam Embick broke his index finger and will probably be lost for the season. He was definitely our No. 4 hitter and a very good first baseman. He was our glue on the infield and would have gone into the pitching rotation."

Last Sunday, the Travelers

faced a 6-1 O'Fallon squad. Justin Heflin and Volkman teamed to pick up the 11-8 victory. Briggs belted two roundtrippers in the game including one shot that sailed over the scoreboard. He finished the day with three hits and four RBI.

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# Best Of Granite City

## Prairie walkway being planned along bike trail in Glen Carbon

By Paul Mackie  
Staff writer

The Ronald J. Foster Heritage Bike Trail is about to become even more of a natural landmark for Glen Carbon — thanks to a Boy Scout troop's new project.

Layne Anderson of Glen Carbon's Boy Scout Troop 1071 will spearhead a project to construct a walkway

highlighting the prairie grass area off the trail near the intersection of Madison Avenue.

"We're going to be constructing roughly 800 feet of prairie walkway," said village Public Works director Tom

Sedlacek.

"It will be around 3 to 4 feet in diameter with 4 or 5 inches of wood chippings."

Although Anderson couldn't be reached for comment, a representative for the Trails West Council said the scout is

eligible to achieve Eagle Scout ranking by completing such a community-based project.

The Village Board heard plans for the project recently. The walkway will "allow trail users to meander off the normal path and get them

more in tune to Mother Nature," Sedlacek said.

Sedlacek's department is in the process of designing some signs and trail markers for the prairie walkway. He said Anderson might have some helpers from his Scout group to construct the walkway.

Sedlacek said the village

might follow up the project with an extension of the 800-foot walkway next year.

Another Scout group might get a chance to extend the walkway further to the east.

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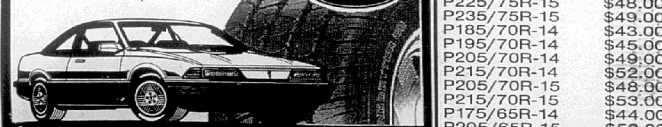
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Pikesley, a member of Strike Fighter Squadron 113 (VFA-113), recently trained aboard one of the world's largest carriers. The 34-year-old son-in-law of Karen Briggs of Granite City took part in a two-week long naval exercise aboard the Lincoln near the coast of southern California.

The training exercise, called the Joint Task Forces exercise (JTFEX), tested the embarked aircraft squadrons and ship's crew on how well they fought a mock battle together.

The training was designed to prepare Pikesley and his fellow sailors for their deployment overseas.

While long work-ups such as the JTFEX may be trying for Pikesley and his fellow squadron mates, he says just being with the squadron is an everyday experience one comes to enjoy.

"I find it rewarding that I play an important role in keeping the aircraft in top shape," said Pikesley, who is married to Briggs' daughter, Stephanie.

Pikesley, an aviation mechanic who serves with a VFA-113, based at Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif., works on the engines of the squadron's F/A-18 Hornet aircraft. These aircraft are the punch behind an aircraft carrier's brawn.

When a carrier looms on the horizons of hostile nations, their leaders know that armed U.S. aircraft could strike, if ordered to, within minutes.

Pikesley understands the need to send air wings with

carriers on lengthy deployments. From the pilots to the sailors of VFA-113, all understand the need to protect peace and freedom around the globe.

"Deploying forces overseas allows us to protect air power and keep would-be aggressors in check. Because of this we are able to respond to a crisis in a moments notice, and protect U.S. interests in key regions of the world," said Pikesley, a 14-year Navy

veteran. VFA-113 deployed to the Western Pacific in early June with the Lincoln, which carries nearly 6,000 personnel.

Half of those sailors, including Pikesley, make up the various squadrons who service and operate more than 80 aircraft aboard the Lincoln, while the other sailors are the ship's crew members who carry out the daily functions of the ship.

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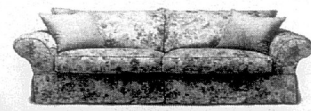
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John David Smith of Caseyville and Anna Marie Abram of Edwardsville

Martin Shan Snider of Granite City and Christina Lynn Buffo of Edwardsville

John Michael Sover and Susan Gay Brooks, both of Collinsville

Demetrius J. Staples and Nicole L. Coleman, both of Granite City

Jason Edward Stroud and Jacqueline Dawn Brewer, both of Granite City

Timothy James Tague and Deborah Elizabeth Brackins, both of Granite City

Charles Ray Thomas and Jo

Ann Elizabeth Fanning, both of Granite City

Jeffrey Eugene Tindall and Stacy Renee Meacham, both of Collinsville

Dwayne James Trover and Melanie Rae Elliott, both of Troy

Billy George Vest and Dee Ann Daniels, both of Glen Carbon

John Thomas Vidakovich of Edwardsville and Judy Diane Nance of Carbondale

Frank George Vivod Jr. and Kelli Jean Mann, both of Madison

Joseph Charles Wasser Jr. and Connie Lynn Geissert, both of Caseyville

Barry Bryan Watson and Kathryn Elizabeth King, both of Granite City

Bryan Irven Watts and Pat-  
sy Staten McCall of Granite City

Christopher Brooke West of Columbia, Mo., and Jennifer Christine King of Granite City

David Allen Wickman and Tracy Ann Dodd, both of Granite City

Robert Bruce Wilson of

Granite City and Robyn Golda Evans of Wood River

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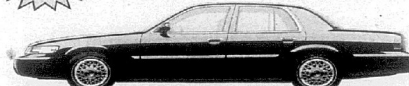
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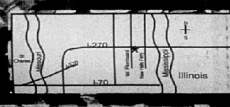


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## Fair Fireworks are planned for July 3-5 on Riverfront

"Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming? And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air..."

With those great words from Francis Scott Key's poem, which came to be known as *The Star-Spangled Banner*, Americans celebrate the date the United States declared its independence from England, July 4, 1776. Independence Day is a day to rejoice in freedom and relive that proud and patriotic moment in history. Pyrotecnico Midwest will be recreating it on the St. Louis riverfront July 3 through 5.

Fair Saint Louis patrons will once again experience the boom of fireworks bursting in air and marvel at the trails of streaming rockets across the sky.

Fireworks today are choreographed works-of-art requiring skill, precision and expert planning to execute. The Vitale family knows first-hand. Owners of Pyrotecnico, they've been in business for more than 100 years, producing more than 300 fireworks events each year around the world. Working closely with event coordinators and area officials, this team of experts custom-designs spectacular and unique shows for maximum

excitement and entertainment. Pyrotecnico pays special attention to safety, following all federal, state and local regulations.

Fairgoers who have never before experienced a choreographed, musical fireworks display are in for a special treat. About 9:40 p.m., viewers up and down the river will tune their radios to Classic 99, KFUP-FM 99.1 and sit back to enjoy the show.

Delivering a blast from the past, Friday night's simulcast theme, "Rock and Roll and Remember" will synchronize the viewers' favorite fireworks to rock and roll classics. Watch shimmering fireworks illuminate the night sky to such tunes as Jerry Lee Lewis' "Great Balls of Fire."

In celebrating America's birthday, Saturday night's simulcast theme, "Star Spangled Spectacular," will be choreographed to one of the most intense fireworks programs ever seen in St. Louis. The show unfolds to a creative blend of patriotic music and all-time classic hits.

As evening falls across the sky, Sunday night's simulcast theme, "Music of the Night" will delight crowds with never before seen fireworks shells. Sparkling points of light will dance to a unique collection of classical, new age and rock music.

## Next naturalization ceremony planned for July 2

The Immigration and Naturalization Service, in cooperation with the National Park Service, will commemorate this Independence Day with a naturalization ceremony for 60 to 75 prospective United States citizens.

It will take place Thursday, July 2 in the historic Old Courthouse in Downtown St. Louis, 11 N. Fourth St. The ceremony will be modern-day, held in a traditional courthouse setting. In the Victorian era, it was common to commemorate historically significant holidays with patriotic celebrations, such as naturalizing citizens in the rotunda of the courthouse. On July 2, a patriotic pre-ceremony concert will be presented from 12:15 to 12:50 p.m. by the Lincolnland Brass Quintet from the United States Air Force Air Mobility Command Band of Mid-America. At 1 p.m., prospective new citizens will take the oath of allegiance in the 19th-century courthouse.

The ceremony will kick off a weekend full of events planned in conjunction with the Fair Saint Louis Fourth of July celebration on the riverfront.

The historical site will be decked out in its finest form through July 19. Yards of red, white and blue bunting and garlands of greenery will be used to decorate the courtyard. A 33-star garrison flag, 36 feet by 20 feet, will be suspended from the fifth-level rotunda for the occasion. The courthouse will

be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout Independence Day weekend, and will host several live performances.

All are free to the public and will be presented in the rotunda.

Saxon's Cornet Band, an authentic re-creation of a mid 19th-century American brass band, will bring to life the history of the Civil War era to celebrate the holiday. They will be performing at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. July 3 and at noon and 2:30 p.m. July 4 and 5.

A Tableau Vivant, French for "Living Picture," will be presented at 3:30 p.m. July 4. A tableau was a popular form of entertainment during the 19th century where a grouping of people remaining motionless and silent represented events or scenes from history or literature using only a pose. Some illustrate virtues such as patriotism, hard work or temperance.

Audiences will be able to experience "Lincoln Live" thanks to Dr. Eugene Griessman, at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. July 3, and 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. July 4 and 5. Griessman will present his powerful, one-man theatrical performance of Abraham Lincoln as part of the Victorian Fourth of July celebration. Chris Limber, from the Muny 1st stage, will present his monodrama as Mark Twain at 3:30 p.m. July 3, at 1 and 4 p.m. July 4 and at 1 and 3 p.m. July 5.

## Fair Senior Day will be July 4

Seniors' Day at Fair Saint Louis is scheduled for Saturday, July 4. On that day, seats on complimentary public transportation will be offered to and from the Regal Riverfront Hotel for seniors.

Southwestern Bell has prepared a lineup of entertainment to appeal to a variety of tastes, from the Technology Show Case to the "Thanks for the Memories" all-star salute to retiring Fair Saint Louis Executive Director Mel Loewenstein and devoted patrons of Seniors' Day.

Line dance lessons with Juke Box productions and a country dance costume contest are offered, as well as Las Vegas-style games. Participants can cash in tokens for prizes at the Las Vegas Prize Store.

For those interested in dancing to songs of

long ago, the Russ David Orchestra, featuring popular vocalist Doty Bennett, will entertain.

The busy agenda also calls for rest and relaxation. Visitors can choose to sit back and enjoy the morning with the blues and jazz of "Lady Jazz" Mae Wheeler in the Grand Ballroom. Later in the day, the pace slows down for a Fair Saint Louis trivia contest and, as a special treat, a photo exchange and storytelling period. This day will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.

Transportation is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. St. Louis city residents can call 383-4600 to reserve free transit sponsored by Available City Wide Transit for Seniors. St. Louis County residents can call 894-1791 and ask for Jan at the Older Adult Transit Service.

## Fair is a 'treasure'

Fair St. Louis was named a Midwest Travel Treasure by AAA-Missouri Auto Club and its magazine, *The Midwest Motorist*.

Featured in the July/August 1998 issue of *The Midwest Motorist*, Fair Saint Louis was selected as a Midwestern treasure for its appeal to typical American Automobile Association (AAA) members.

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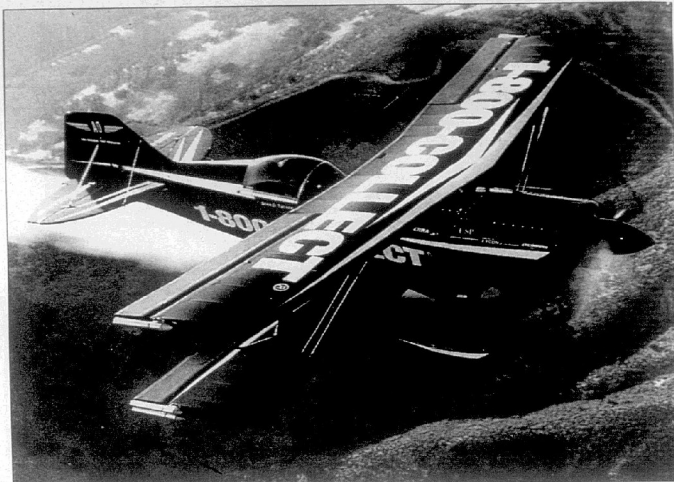
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## The Challenger

Sean D. Tucker will zoom over the riverfront in the 1-800-Collect Challenger performing aerobatic stunts during the Fair Saint Louis airshows July 3-5. Tucker and the Challenger team will headline the Boeing airshow each day.

## Stunt team to perform at show

Flashy choreographed stunts, gravity-defying 540 degree turns in mid-air, the sky is literally the limit for the GT Bike Airshow Team.

Returning to Fair Saint Louis for their second year, this freestyle bicycle stunt team will again fascinate fairgoers with precision flatland riding, backflips 15 feet in the air and breath-taking, no-handed aerial maneuvers performed 20 feet above the ground.

Team GT, from sunny Santa Ana, Calif., is a world-famous traveling bicycle stunt team. The team performs at hundreds of events

each year in the United States and Europe.

The action will be heating up Fair Saint Louis July 3 through 5 on Sullivan Boulevard near the base of the Gateway Arch. Shows are scheduled at 1, 4:55 and 6:55 p.m. each day.

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Elmer and Judy Stille at the 1998 Rotary International Convention in Indianapolis.

## Two represent local club at Rotary Convention

Elmer and Judy Stille represented the Granite City Rotary Club as delegates at the 1998 Rotary International Convention June 13-17 in Indianapolis.

They were among more than 19,000 Rotarians and guests, representing Rotary clubs from 119 countries throughout the world, who met at the RCA Dome and the Convention Center.

The convention was designed to allow those attending to share club experiences and receive reports from the International Board of Directors and Rotary Foundation Trustees.

Nearly 3,000 Rotarians and guests joined in a tree, shrub, grass and flower planting near downtown Indianapolis as part of the club's effort to "Preserve Planet Earth."

The Board of Trustees has allocated \$20 million to be used exclusively for promoting literacy and reducing poverty among children of the world.

Rotary International, through the Rotary Foundation Polio Plus program, has adopted as its goal the eradication of polio throughout the world by 2005, which will be the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Rotary.

Currently the program has progressed to the point that only a comparative few children in remote areas of Third World countries remain to be immunized.

James L. Lacey if the Rotary Club of Cookeville, Tenn. was installed as the 1998-99 president of Rotary International.

## Grand old flag has a rich history; it once had 15 stripes

By Rich Corino  
Staff writer

The flag that millions of Americans venerate has a colorful history, one with which most citizens are unfamiliar.

During the Revolutionary War, flags of various designs were chosen by military regiments and communities, but none of them were officially adopted by the Continental Congress. The three most common unofficial flags — known as the Continental Colors — all featured 13 stripes of alternating red and white. One, designed in 1770, after war began but before independence was declared, featured a British Union Jack in the upper left corner. It was flown by Gen. George Washington Jan. 1, 1776 in Cambridge, Mass., but it drew criticism from some patriots because of its implied continued loyalty to England.

Another simply featured seven white and six red stripes without a canton in the corner, and another consisted of seven red and six white stripes with no canton, a drawing of a rattlesnake and the famous "Don't Tread Upon Me" slogan beneath the drawing.

The first official American flag, as declared by the Continental Congress June 14, 1777, was a flag of seven red and white stripes symbolizing the 13 original colonies, with a blue canton containing 13 white, five-pointed stars, although the arrangement of the stars varied. The flag featuring a circular pattern of 13 stars was never an official flag.

For that reason, by the way, June 14 was

the date the U.S. Congress chose in 1949 to commemorate Flag Day, which is not a legal holiday.

Why were stripes chosen? Vexillologists (those who study flags) believe a nine-striped flag originated by the radical Sons of Liberty group was the basis. That popularized the idea of using stripes to symbolize rebellion.

Vexillologists don't know where the idea of using stars originated.

The addition of more states to the Union eventually posed a problem for Congress, which added two stripes as well as two stars in 1795 after Vermont and Kentucky joined the Union.

This was the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key in 1814 to write the "Star-Spangled Banner," which in 1931 was adopted as our national anthem.

That 15-striped flag lasted for 23 years, even after five more states joined the Union. Congress felt adding a stripe for each additional state would cause the flag to lose its distinctiveness, so in 1818, it reverted to a 13-striped flag, deciding to add only a star for each additional state. Since then, no fundamental change to the flag has been made. There have been 28 official national flags in our history due to the adding of stars.

The 48-star flag lasted the longest, 47 years, until Alaska attained statehood in 1959.

So, with the birth of our Nation being celebrated next weekend, you have plenty of time to find a good, sturdy pole from which to hang the symbol of "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

## Students build gazebo at park

A group of Pattonville students, most of whom graduated this year, are constructing a gazebo near the trail around Creve Coeur Lake.

"It's something in the community that needed to be done," said Brett Otto, who's spearheading the project.

"There's nowhere to rest over there on a long stretch of trail."

Otto, who graduated from Pattonville in May, obtained a \$500 Teens Care Grant and \$500 contributions from both the St. Louis County Parks and

Recreation Department and Fred Weber Inc. to finance the project.

Otto also prepared reports outlining the project for use in obtaining the necessary permits.

With the help of his technology education teacher, John Hopkins, he selected and ordered design plans for the gazebo.

The project has begun to cause a stir among trail users.

"When we first started, it was sort of annoying because people acted like they didn't care," Otto said. "But now that it's starting to get together, people are starting to wonder what it is."

Otto hopes to have the project completed by the end of July.

"I'll be very happy," he said. "It will be something I can be proud of."

The county has no records of the numbers of people using the trail, but Kyra Kaltenbronn, volunteer coordinator for the parks department, said "thousands

use it" on weekends.

The gazebo is a perk for the park that it normally would not have obtained, she said.

"We just appreciate the Pattonville students, the Teens Care Grant program and Fred Weber for helping us to get this nice gazebo that park users will have for years to come," she said.

Pattonville students must complete 50 hours of community service in order to graduate, said Karen Norris Dapron, the district's community service coordinator.

The Class of 1998, consisting of 390 students, completed more than 44,000 hours.

"They've really made terrific contributions," Norris said. "At graduation, over 150 more honor cords meaning they had earned over 100 during their high school career and been active their last three semesters."

Otto believes Pattonville's graduation requirement should be increased.

## Events calendar

### Community

The schedule of events for the Granite City Park District's PATRIOTS IN THE PARK Independence Day celebration includes:

**Wednesday, July 1**  
6 to 11 p.m. — Rides and concessions open.

**Thursday, July 2**  
1 to 5 p.m. — Purchase arm-bands, cost \$7 to ride all the rides for no additional charge.  
6 to 11 p.m. — Rides and concessions open.

**Friday, July 3**  
1 to 5 p.m. — Music by The Country Music Machine at Centennial Pavilion.

**Saturday, July 4**  
8 to 10 a.m. — "5K Walk/Run around Wilson Park."  
1 to 4 p.m. — Old Six Mile Museum tours.

1 p.m. to midnight — Rides and concessions open.  
1 to 6 p.m. — Carriage rides, petting zoo, face painting, 911 information booth, Armed Forces information booth, pony rides, mud volleyball tournament, Civil War re-enactment encampment, and Illinois Territorial Rangers encampment.

3 to 5 p.m. — Music by the Casuals Country Band at Centennial Pavilion.  
5 to 7 p.m. — Music by Dixie Land Jazz Kings and the Waterloo German Band at the Centennial Pavilion.

8 p.m. — Gospel group The Imperials performs on the Coolidge Middle School grounds.  
8 p.m. — 100-member choir patriotic musical concert and revue on Coolidge Middle School grounds.  
9 to 10 p.m. — Fireworks display at Coolidge Middle athletic fields accompanied by computer synchronized soundtrack.

**Sunday, July 5**  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — "The 4th annual car show."  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Craft Show at the Park.  
1 to 4 p.m. — Old Six Mile Museum tours.

1 to 5 p.m. — Firemen's Rodeo.  
1 to 5 p.m. — Matinee. Purchase matinee tickets for 50 cents, one ticket required for each ride.

1 to 6 p.m. — Carriage rides, petting zoo, face painting, 911 information booth, Armed Forces information booth, pony rides, mud volleyball tournament, Civil War re-enactment encampment, and Illinois Territorial Rangers encampment.

230 to 5 p.m. — Police canine demonstration.  
6 to 11 p.m. — Rides and concessions open.

7 to 9 p.m. — Granite City Community Band in concert at Centennial Pavilion.

\* — preregistration is required for the Walk/Run and the mud volleyball and softball tournaments. Call 877-3059 for details.

Advanced registration fee until July 2 is \$5; after July 2 to day of show (8 a.m. to noon), \$12. For information, call Tim at 425-3101.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS** Chapter 1340's picnic date is set for July 8. Members are asked to bring a snack lunch. Desert and beverage furnished. Doors open at 5 p.m., with the picnic at 6 and dancing at 7. A \$2 donation is collected at the door. Those 60 and over are welcome. For more information, call

877-3020.

### Music/concerts

Drummer **STAN FORNASZEWSKI** AND HIS BIG BAND presents the "Best of Big Bands and Beyond." Concerts are free and open to the public, and are held starting at 7:30 p.m. at Walnut Hills. Upcoming dates are July 9 and 23.

### Stage plays/musicals

The Pastor's Aid Ministry of the TRUE FELLOWSHIP M.S. CHURCH is sponsoring a trip to "The Great Passion Play" on Aug. 27-29 to Eureka Springs, Ark. All are invited to come and experience this great outdoor musical event. Prices vary, depending on hotel accommodations.

A non-refundable \$25 deposit is due by July 5 to secure a seat on the bus. Costs and room occupancy are \$120 for one person, \$100 each for two people, \$50 each for three and \$30 each for four.

The bus boards at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 27 at True Fellowship and leaves at noon. The play is at 8 p.m. Aug. 28. The bus returns on Aug. 29. For more information, call Beatrice Riggs at 877-8763.

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## Trekking plan event

The Illinois Trekking Volkssport Club of Belleville will host an evening of walking followed by a potluck dinner during its annual July Jubilee event, scheduled for July 2.

The 3.1-mile and 6.2-mile walks will start and end at the main Pavilion next to the baseball stadium at Longacre Park in Fairview Heights. The walks will be guided events.

## Millstadt veterans seeking aid for flags

Millstadt veterans are seeking a little help from their friends for a good cause. VFW Post 7980 and American Legion Post 502, both located in the village, plan to replace the American flags on at least 60 poles on

Washington Street and Jefferson Street. The banners are becoming threadbare, said Milton Haas, a member of both the Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. "The flags have been in service since Desert Storm and they are now

becoming unsightly and need replacing," Haas said. "But this is a big expense."

He said the poles and sockets are still in satisfactory shape, but the flags themselves are old. He said purchasing this many flags is an

expensive proposition for the two groups, so members are inviting local residents to help with the project. Haas said checks designated "For flag replacement" and made out to VFW Post 7980 can be sent to 200 Veterans Drive, Millstadt, Ill. 62260.

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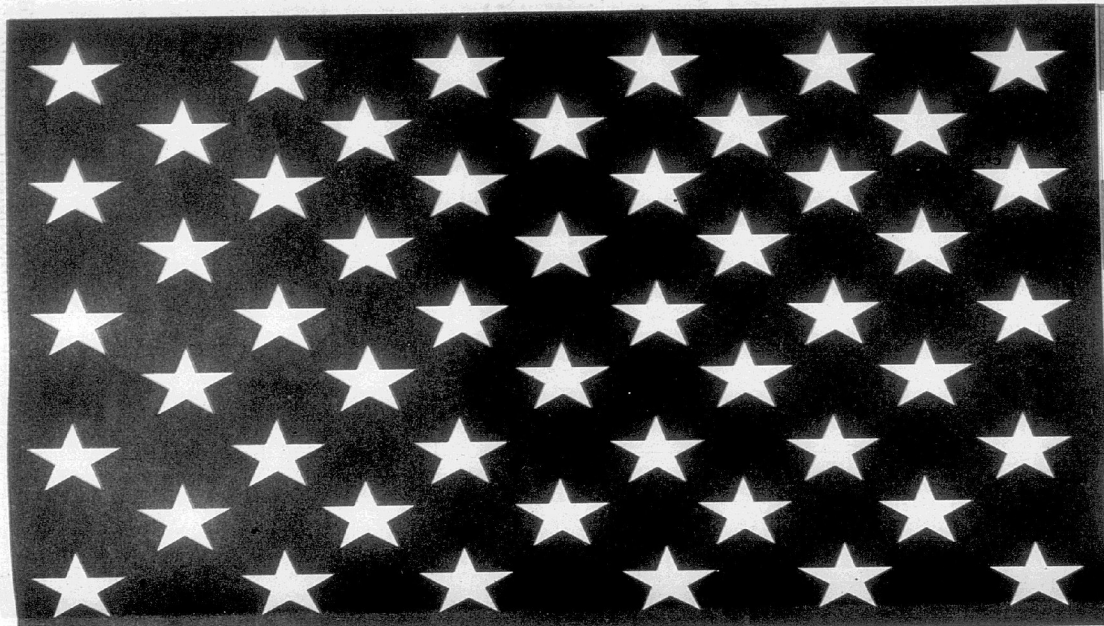
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